

FORM B - BUILDING

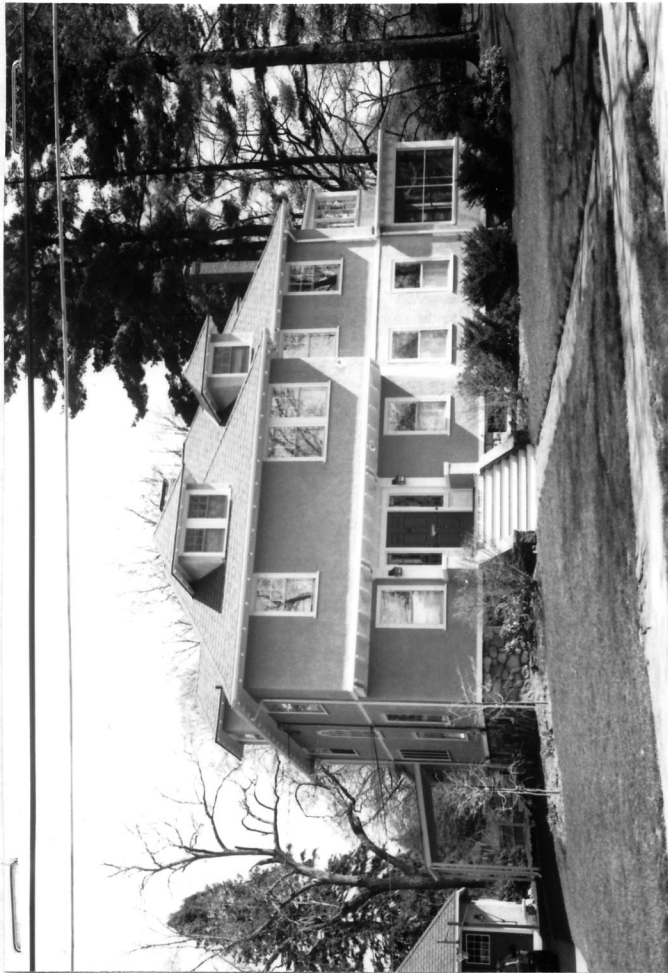
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1122,1123

Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 24 Somerset Road

Historic Name Fred and Fannie Woodruff House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1912-1913

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim stucco/wood

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

historic garage (MHC #1123)

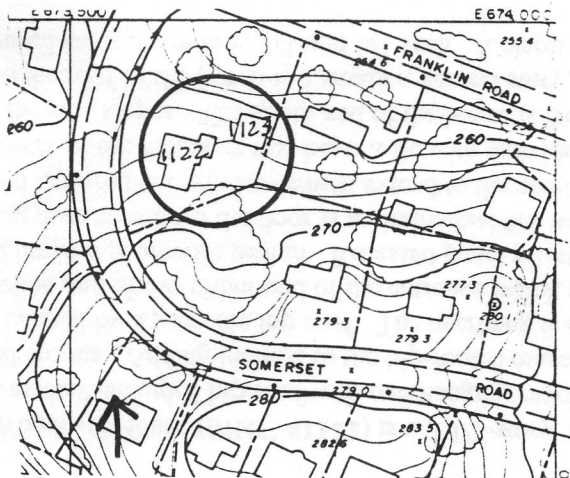
Major Alterations (with dates) date? - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 29,630 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM (24 Somerset Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Woodruff House (MHC #1122) is a 2 1/2-story, stuccoed dwelling which is set above a rubble foundation and capped by an asphalt-shingled hip roof with overhanging eaves adorned by exposed rafters. A wooden band separates the first and second stories. Adding interest to the hip-roofed mass, part of the second floor projects about two feet from the remaining wall, capped by a separate hip roof. The overhang is embellished by wooden brackets, which are paired at the ends of the projection and above either end of the entrance which is centered below. The six-panel front door is flanked by partial leaded sidelights in a geometric design. Recessed panel pilasters are set atop stuccoed sidewalls. On either side of the door but at varying distances from the door is an individual 6/1 window. The second floor overhanging section is punctuated by a single 6/1 and a paired 6/1 window which extend to the eaves. The hip dormer above has a smaller pair of 6/1 windows. The remainder of the facade is two bays wide with individual 6/1 windows and a hipped dormer above; additional dormers rise from the side slopes. The south end of the house is fronted by a single-story screened porch with square posts and brackets. Set on the roof of the porch is a smaller, second story, glazed sunporch. Fenestration on the north end of the house includes an arched central window, 1/1 and 6/1 sash. A clapboarded addition extends behind the original house.

To the north of the house is a stuccoed, hip-roofed garage (MHC #1123) set above a wood-shingled base. Facing the road are double wooden doors with 4 x 3-lights over two lower recessed horizontal panels filled with diagonal board. The remaining fenestration consists of 6/1 windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

(see 60 Meriam St., MHC #388)

This land was originally part of the 400-acre Francis B. Hayes estate which extended from Adams and Hancock Streets to Woburn Street (the house known as Oakmount or The Castle was built in 1884 and demolished in 1941). This portion of the Hayes estate was laid out in houselots in 1909.

The earliest assessment found for this property indicates that in 1913 Fannie Woodruff was assessed for a house valued at \$7,000, located on lot 37 of the Hayes subdivision measuring 29,630 square feet. The property remained in the Woodruff family until the 1940s. Later owners included Henry and Helen Letoile (c.1950 - 1960) and Russell and Vivian Wolfe (1960-1987). The present owners purchased the house in 1987.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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